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One new case of diphtheria was reported December 31, which has terminated in recovery, the premises being disinfected as usual.

During the past week, while under a stress of weather accompanied by heavy showers at short intervals, the river Yumuri, crossing this city from east to west, overflowed, flooding several streets on either side of its banks. The muddy waters rose about four feet above the ground, and by overfilling the privies spread their fecal contents, together with filthy sediments, throughout the flooded district, thus rendering it exceedingly dangerous to the public health. The local health officer immediately ordered all the force belonging to the sanitary department to the place of danger, where a thorough cleaning and disinfection was made under his personal supervision, so that no ill consequences are to be anticipated.

*Mortuary statistics of Matanzas for the last ten days of December, 1903.*

| | Number of deaths. | Bertillon number. |
|---|---|---|
| Tetanus, infantile | 1 | 72 |
| Tuberculosis | 9 | 27 |
| Nephritis | 1 | 120 |
| Arterio-sclerosis | 2 | 81 |
| Pleurisy | 1 | 94 |
| Eclampsia, infantile | 1 | 71 |
| Hemorrhage, cerebral | 2 | 64 |
| Cirrhoris, hepatic | 1 | 112 |
| Cyanosis, new born | 1 | 152 |
| Senility | 1 | 154 |
| Broncho-pneumonia | 1 | 93 |
| Cachexia, malarial | 1 | 4 |
| Total | 24 | |

Estimated population, 48,000; annual rate of mortality per 1,000, 18.27, showing an increase of 14 deaths over the previous ten days. No quarantinable disease has been reported within this district.

## *Reports from Santiago.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, December 29 and January 5, as follows: Week ended December 26, 1903: Bills of health issued to three vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

*Mortality report for the week ended December 26, 1903.*

| Causes of death. | Number. |
|---|---|
| Pernicious fever | 1 |
| Tubercle of lungs | 3 |
| Tubercle of meninges | 1 |
| Meningitis | 1 |
| Cerebral hemorrhage | 1 |
| Tetanus | 1 |
| Organic heart disease | 1 |
| Broncho-pneumonia | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 2 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis, under 2 years | 1 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis, chronic | 1 |
| Nephritis | 1 |
| Bright's disease | 1 |
| Gangrene, senile | 1 |
| Congenital debility | 1 |
| Total | 18 |

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 20.57 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

Week ended January 2, 1904: Only one bill of health was issued to a vessel bound for the United States. No quarantinable disease has been reported.

*Mortality report for the week ended January 2, 1904.*

| Causes of death. | Number. | Bertillon number. |
|---|---|---|
| Pernicious fever | 2 | 4 |
| Remittent fever | 1 | 4 |
| Tubercle of lungs | 2 | 27 |
| Tubercle of meninges | 1 | 28 |
| Cancer of uterus | 1 | 42 |
| Meningitis | 2 | 61 |
| Sclerosis | 1 | 63 |
| Organic heart disease | 1 | 79 |
| Arterio-sclerosis | 1 | 81 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis, under 2 years | 2 | 105 |
| Congenital debility | 1 | 151 |
| Senility | 1 | 154 |
| Total | 16 | |

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 18.28 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

## GERMANY.

### *Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.*

Consul-General Mason reports, December 28, as follows:

#### *Plague.*

*Egypt.*—Between the 5th and 12th of December 3 fresh cases of plague and 2 deaths were registered in Alexandria.

*British India.*—The port of Surat, which at the end of July was declared to be free from plague, has, according to a communication dated November 18, again been declared infected.

*Mauritius.*—During the period from the 9th of October to the 5th of November there were registered on the island 377 cases of plague, with 211 deaths.

*British South Africa.*—Cape Colony: During the week ended November 21, 1 death from plague occurred in King Williams Town. Plague-infected rats continue to be found in East London. Of 349 rats examined in Cape Town 1 proved to be infected with plague.

#### *Plague and cholera.*

*British India.*—In Calcutta during the two weeks from the 8th to the 21st of November there occurred 71 deaths from cholera and 38 deaths from plague.

#### *Cholera.*

*Turkey.*—According to weekly bulletin No. 38, of December 7, regarding cholera in Syria and Mesopotamia, 37 fresh cases of cholera and 30 deaths have been registered there.

According to bulletin No. 39, of December 14, 249 more cholera cases and 196 deaths have occurred there, namely, 219 cases (176 deaths) in Kerbella, 12 cases (11 deaths) in Anah, 12 cases (6 deaths) in Hadissa, and 2 deaths in Aleppo.

*Afghanistan.*—According to a report dated December 12 cholera has broken out in Herat.